

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 476

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

April 2

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “677.132” and insert “677.010 and 677.100”.

2 On page 2, delete lines 12 through 45.

3 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 36 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 4. Sections 5 and 6 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
5 **chapter 677.**

6 **“SECTION 5. Not later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Oregon Medical**
7 **Board shall report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the**
8 **Legislative Assembly related to health care, on the provisional licensure of internationally**
9 **trained physicians under section 6 of this 2025 Act. The report must include the following**
10 **information from the two immediately preceding calendar years:**

11 **“(1) The number of applications for provisional licensure received;**

12 **“(2) The numbers of provisional licenses issued or denied;**

13 **“(3) An aggregated list of employers that employed provisionally licensed internationally**
14 **trained physicians; and**

15 **“(4) Any disciplinary or remedial actions taken against provisionally licensed interna-**
16 **tionally trained physicians.**

17 **“SECTION 6. (1) The Oregon Medical Board may issue a provisional license to a qualified**
18 **internationally trained physician. To be considered for a provisional license under this sec-**
19 **tion, an internationally trained physician must have:**

20 **“(a) Graduated from a school of medicine with a degree substantially similar to a degree**
21 **of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, as determined by the board;**

22 **“(b) Completed a training program that is substantially similar to an approved training**
23 **program, as determined by the board;**

24 **“(c) Obtained certification from the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates,**
25 **or its successor organization, as approved by the board;**

26 **“(d) Practiced medicine in another country or jurisdiction for at least three years;**

27 **“(e) An offer of employment at a clinical facility located in this state that will provide**
28 **supervision and assessment of the applicant in accordance with standards established by the**
29 **board by rule;**

30 **“(f) Complied with all board rules that apply to similar applicants for a license to practice**
31 **medicine in this state; and**

32 **“(g) Provided evidence, as determined sufficient by the board, that the applicant is of**
33 **good moral character consistent with the requirements of ORS 677.100 and in good standing**
34 **in each country or jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and received education and**
35 **training.**

1 “(2) An applicant for a provisional license under this section shall:
2 “(a) Apply to the board in the form and manner required by the board;
3 “(b) Pay the fee established by the board by rule; and
4 “(c) Provide to the board any further information required by the board.
5 “(3) An internationally trained physician provisionally licensed under this section shall
6 practice:
7 “(a) Under the supervision of a physician licensed under ORS 677.100 who is in good
8 standing with the board and meets the requirements established by the board relating to
9 supervision; and
10 “(b)(A) In a facility in this state with an approved training program;
11 “(B) In a federally qualified health center that provides primary care and other services
12 to underserved populations, as determined by the board; or
13 “(C) In any other clinical location that demonstrates that the location meets the re-
14 quirements established by the board by rule.
15 “(4) An internationally trained physician provisionally licensed under this section:
16 “(a) Is considered a fully licensed physician in this state for all purposes, including but
17 not limited to credentialing and insurance billing;
18 “(b) Is subject to all the provisions of this chapter and to rules of the board adopted
19 under this chapter; and
20 “(c) Has the same duties and responsibilities, and is subject to the same penalties and
21 sanctions, as any other physician licensed under this chapter.
22 “(5) An internationally trained physician provisionally licensed under this section may,
23 after completion of four years of full-time equivalent practice under subsection (3) of this
24 section, successful completion of a clinical assessment evaluation as determined by the board
25 by rule and satisfaction of the requirements for licensure under ORS 677.100, apply for
26 licensure under ORS 677.100.
27 “(6) The board may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.
28 “**SECTION 7.** ORS 677.010 is amended to read:
29 “677.010. As used in this chapter, subject to the exemptions in ORS 677.060 and unless the
30 context requires otherwise:
31 “(1) ‘Approved internship’ means the first year of post-graduate training [*served in a hospital that*
32 *is approved by the board or*] **that is accredited** by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical
33 Education, the American Osteopathic Association or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons
34 of Canada, **and approved by the Oregon Medical Board.**
35 “(2) ‘Approved school of medicine’ means a school offering a full-time resident program of study
36 in medicine or osteopathic medicine leading to a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of
37 Osteopathic Medicine, [*such program having been*] **if the program of study is** fully accredited or
38 conditionally approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, or its successor agency, or
39 the American Osteopathic Association, or its successor agency, **or the Committee on Accredi-**
40 **tation of Canadian Medical Schools, or its successor agency,** or [*having been otherwise*] **has**
41 **otherwise been** determined by the board to meet the association standards as specifically incorpo-
42 rated into board rules.
43 “[(3) ‘Board’ means the Oregon Medical Board.]
44 “(3) ‘Approved training program’ means a residency program that is accredited by the
45 Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education, or its successor organization, the

1 **American Osteopathic Association, or its successor organization, or the Royal College of**
2 **Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or its successor organization, and approved by the board.**

3 “(4) ‘Diagnose’ means to examine another person in any manner to determine the source or na-
4 ture of a disease or other physical or mental condition, or to hold oneself out or represent that a
5 person is so examining another person. It is not necessary that the examination be made in the
6 presence of such other person; it may be made on information supplied either directly or indirectly
7 by such other person.

8 “(5) ‘Dispense’ means the preparation and delivery of a prescription drug, pursuant to a lawful
9 order of a practitioner, in a suitable container appropriately labeled for subsequent administration
10 to or use by a patient or other individual entitled to receive the prescription drug.

11 “(6) ‘Dispensing physician’ means a physician or podiatric physician and surgeon who purchases
12 prescription drugs for the purpose of dispensing them to patients or other individuals entitled to
13 receive the prescription drug and who dispenses them accordingly.

14 “(7) ‘Drug’ means all medicines and preparations for internal or external use of humans, in-
15 tended to be used for the cure, mitigation or prevention of diseases or abnormalities of humans,
16 which are recognized in any published United States Pharmacopoeia or National Formulary, or
17 otherwise established as a drug.

18 “(8) ‘Fellow’ means an individual who has not qualified under ORS 677.100 (1) and (2) and who
19 is pursuing some special line of study as part of a supervised program of a school of medicine, a
20 hospital approved for internship or residency training, or an institution for medical research or ed-
21 ucation that provides for a period of study under the supervision of a responsible member of that
22 hospital or institution, such school, hospital or institution having been approved by the board.

23 “(9) ‘Intern’ means an individual who has entered into a hospital or hospitals for the first year
24 of post-graduate training.

25 “(10) **‘Internationally trained physician’ means a physician who graduated from a medical**
26 **school that is not an approved school of medicine and who completed a training program that**
27 **is not an approved training program.**

28 “[10] (11) ‘License’ means permission to practice, whether by license, registration or certifica-
29 tion.

30 “[11] (12) ‘Licensee’ means an individual holding a valid license issued by the board.

31 “[12] (13) ‘Physical incapacity’ means a condition that renders an individual licensed under this
32 chapter unable to practice under that license with professional skill and safety by reason of physical
33 illness or physical deterioration that adversely affects cognition, motor or perceptive skill.

34 “[13] (14) ‘Physician’ means a person who holds a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of
35 Osteopathic Medicine, or a person who holds a degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine if the context
36 in which the term ‘physician’ is used does not authorize or require the person to practice outside
37 the scope of a license issued under ORS 677.805 to 677.840.

38 “[14] (15) ‘Podiatric physician and surgeon’ means a physician licensed under ORS 677.805 to
39 677.840 to practice podiatry.

40 “[15)(a)] (16)(a) ‘Podiatry’ means:

41 “(A) The diagnosis or the medical, physical or surgical treatment of ailments of the human foot,
42 ankle and tendons directly attached to and governing the function of the foot and ankle, and treat-
43 ment involving the use of a general or spinal anesthetic if that treatment is performed in a hospital
44 licensed under ORS 441.025 or in an ambulatory surgical center licensed by the Oregon Health Au-
45 thority and is under the supervision of or in collaboration with a podiatric physician and surgeon;

1 “(B) Assisting in the performance of surgery, as provided in ORS 677.814; and
2 “(C) The treatment of skin, skin-related structures and subcutaneous masses, and wounds in-
3 volving skin, skin-related structures and subcutaneous masses, on the human leg no further proximal
4 than the tibial tubercle.
5 “(b) ‘Podiatry’ does not include administering general or spinal anesthetics or the amputation
6 of the entire foot.
7 “[~~(16)~~] (17) ‘Prescribe’ means to direct, order or designate the use of or manner of using by
8 spoken or written words or other means.
9 “[~~(17)~~] (18) ‘Resident’ means an individual who, after the first year of post-graduate training, in
10 order to qualify for some particular specialty in the field of medicine, pursues a special line of study
11 as part of a supervised program of a hospital approved by the board.
12 “**SECTION 8.** ORS 677.100 is amended to read:
13 “677.100. (1) An applicant for a license to practice medicine in this state, except as otherwise
14 provided in subsection (2) of this section, must possess the following qualifications:
15 “(a) Have attended and graduated from a school of medicine.
16 “(b) Have satisfactorily completed the following post-graduate requirement:
17 “(A) Satisfactory completion of an approved rotating internship if a graduate of an approved
18 school of medicine;
19 “(B) One year of training in an approved program if a graduate of an approved school of medi-
20 cine; [or]
21 “(C) Three years of training in an approved program if a graduate of an unapproved school of
22 medicine; **or**
23 “**(D) Four years of provisional licensure under section 6 of this 2025 Act.**
24 “(c) Have complied with each rule of the Oregon Medical Board which applies to all similar
25 applicants for a license to practice medicine in this state.
26 “(d) Have provided evidence sufficient to prove to the satisfaction of the board that the appli-
27 cant is of good moral character. For purposes of this section, the lack of good moral character may
28 be established by reference to acts or conduct that reflect moral turpitude or to acts or conduct
29 which would cause a reasonable person to have substantial doubts about the individual’s honesty,
30 fairness and respect for the rights of others and for the laws of the state and the nation. The acts
31 or conduct in question must be rationally connected to the applicant’s fitness to practice medicine.
32 “(2) If an applicant establishes that the applicant is of good moral character and has qualifica-
33 tions which the board determines are the equivalent of the qualifications required by subsection
34 (1)(a) to (c) of this section, the applicant satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.
35 “(3) An applicant for a license to practice medicine [*must make written application*] **shall apply**
36 to the board **in a manner** showing compliance with this section, ORS 677.110, 677.120 and the rules
37 of the board, and containing [*such*] **any** further information as the rules of the board may require.
38 “**SECTION 9.** (1) **Section 5 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 677.010 by section**
39 **7 of this 2025 Act become operative on January 1, 2026.**
40 “(2) **Section 6 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 677.100 by section 8 of this**
41 **2025 Act become operative on January 1, 2027.**
42 “(3) **The Oregon Medical Board may take any action before the operative dates specified**
43 **in subsections (1) and (2) of this section that is necessary for the board to exercise, on and**
44 **after the operative dates specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, all of the duties,**
45 **functions and powers conferred on the board by sections 5 and 6 of this 2025 Act and the**

1 amendments to ORS 677.010 and 677.100 by sections 7 and 8 of this 2025 Act.”.

2 In line 40, delete “9” and insert “10”.

3 On page 5, delete lines 2 through 38 and insert:

4 “**SECTION 11.** No later than June 30, 2026, the Department of Human Services shall begin
5 to award grants under the Internationally Educated Workforce Reentry Grant Program es-
6 tablished under section 10 of this 2025 Act.

7 “**SECTION 12.** Section 11 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

8 “**SECTION 13.** No later than September 1, 2028, the Department of Human Services shall
9 prepare and submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on the implementation
10 and success of the Internationally Educated Workforce Reentry Grant Program established
11 in section 10 of this 2025 Act, which may include recommendations for legislation, to the in-
12 terim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to labor and business. The report
13 submitted under this section must include information regarding:

14 “(1) The total number of internationally educated professionals who were served by the
15 program;

16 “(2) The specific types of direct services provided to professionals, including but not
17 limited to the costs of providing the services and the number of professionals who received
18 the services;

19 “(3) The total amount of financial assistance provided to professionals;

20 “(4) The types of financial assistance that were provided to professionals; and

21 “(5) Any identified barriers that prevent internationally educated professionals from
22 participating in the Oregon workforce.

23 “**SECTION 14.** Section 13 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.

24 “**SECTION 15.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
25 priated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out
26 of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of operating the Interna-
27 tionally Educated Workforce Reentry Grant Program established in section 10 of this 2025
28 Act.

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30 “CAPTIONS

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32 “**SECTION 16.** The unit captions used in this 2025 Act are provided only for the conven-
33 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any
34 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2025 Act.

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36 “EFFECTIVE DATE

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38 “**SECTION 17.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
39 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
40 July 1, 2025.”.